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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

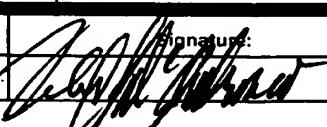
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| Application Number | 09/926,384 |
| Filing Date* | October 23, 2001 |
| First Named Inventor | A. Mizukawa |
| Group Art Unit | 3724 |
| Examiner Name | J.D. Prone |
| Attorney Docket No. | MIZU. 3002/FJD |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: * Filing date must be on or after June 8, 1995; but if before May 29, 2000, then consider a CPA.

1. Please consider the following as the required submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:

- a. The Amendment/Reply filed on (date): September 22, 2004
- b. The Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on (date):
- c. The arguments in the Brief/Reply Brief filed on (date):
- d. The ___ page(s) of Form PTO-1449 and copy of each listed document filed (date):
- e. Other:
- 2. A 3 month Petition for Extension of Time is filed herewith.
- 3. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment and charge any deficiency in any fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and/or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 02-0200.
- 4. A check in the amount of \$ 385.00 is submitted herewith.
- 5. This Request is transmitted by facsimile to number (703) _____.
- 6. Other:

| THE RCE FEE IS CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS: | | | | | Basic Fee: | \$770.00 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---|----|--|--|----------|
| Total Claims: | 10 | - | 20 | (highest number previously paid for) = | X \$18 = | |
| Independent Claims: | 3 | - | 3 | (highest number previously paid for) = | X \$86 = | |
| Correspondence Address: | | | | | Multiple Dependent Claim (add \$290.00): | |
| 23364 Customer Number | | | | | Subtotal: | |
| Phone: 703-683-0500 | | | | | 50% Reduction if Small Entity Status: | \$385.00 |
| Fax: 703-683-1080 | | | | | Total: | \$385.00 |
| Date: | Name: | | | Signature: | Reg. No. | |
| September 23, 2004 | Felix J. D'Ambrosio | | |  | 25,721 | |



PATENT
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/926,384 Confirmation No.: 9837
Applicant : S. Mizukawa
Filed : Oct. 23, 2001
Title : Blade Material Cutting Device
TC/A.U. : 3724
Examiner : J. D. Prone

Docket No. : MIZU3002/FJD
Customer No. : 23364

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA. 22202-3514

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The following amendments and remarks are being submitted herewith in connection with the RCE being filed herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on the attached page having the heading "Amendments to the Claims".

Remarks begin on the attached page having the heading "Remarks".